Critics - Hoch

To Quin Shea from Harold Weisberg, JFK assassination records - critics 2/25/80
Domestic intelligence
Withheld records
Disclosed Criminal informant Abby Shaw, SF file 137-5238A

FBIHQ 62-109060-6890(?) is a domestic intelligence report pertaining to Paul Hoch's entirely proper interest in the assassination of President Kennedy and its investigation. I do not believe it is or could or should be any of the business of any federal agency that Hoch wrote letters to Ralph Nader and others or that he encouraged use of FOIA (the purpose of its encactment, regardless of the FBI's attitude).

The FBI disclosed its informant's name and file number. It did not provide the underlying records, which I request. The attachments are paraphrases.

6891 is a Branigan to Sullivan memo (Domestic Intelligence Division) actually written by T.N.Goble. I also required the attention of "Crimes Records" DeLoach. (No wonder the crime rate soared with this kind of time, money and manpower devoted to what is none of any official's business!)

This seems to have been a major FBI preoccupation. The records pertaining to me have not been completely disclosed, as my earlier appeals reflect. A report ti the White House on Josiah Thompson appears not to have been provided. The amount of time devoted to Mark Lane is incredible.

It appears likely that the FBI had some way of filing/retrieving such information without a page-by-page search of all records, hundreds of thousands of them. It is also apparent that the FBI has made this, its interest in and operations against those who did not agree with the official account of the assassination, an important part of the historical records. I therefore ask for all records in any way relating to these matters, not as duplicates from existing main files but if there are other files, even of duplicates, as copies of those files. I also ask for copies of the search slips. This should include Dallas, which in my C.A. 78-0322, has not provided its records on critics, although they are within that request.